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87-11793, 11792 Memo
10/24/2019

On October 24th, I spoke on the phone with Patrick Mervyn about his claims 87-11793 and 87-11792 in regards to the priority dates. He also responded to my emails (attached).

For 87-11793, I could only find evidence through Taxlot data for a priority date of 1961. I told him that he would need to find evidence to support an earlier priority date to support his claim. He told me that his grandfather dug a well on the property in the 1930's and was used for the original home, but he was okay with the priority date of 1961.

For 87-11792, I could only find evidence for a priority date of 08/2009 by using aerial photos. He was okay with that as the priority date as well.

Chris Holmes

Holmes, Christopher

From: Holmes, Christopher
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:50 PM
To: 'patrick.mervyn@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Notice of Claim to a Water Right 87-11793

In addition to 87-11793 (Parcel Number 37N05W228000), I am unable to confirm the priority date of 1997 for claim 87-11792 on Parcel Number 37N05W214800. From department resources, I am able to recommend a priority date of 08/31/2009. If you would like to submit additional evidence, please refer to my previous email.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Christopher Holmes

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From: Holmes, Christopher
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:33 PM
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Subject: Notice of Claim to a Water Right 87-11793

Good afternoon,

I am emailing in regards to Notice of Claim to a Water Right 87-11793. After reviewing your claim, I am unable to confirm the priority date of 1930. From department resources, I am able to recommend a priority date of 12/31/1961 with no additional evidence submitted. If you would like to submit additional evidence, you can email it directly to me, or mail it to our Northern Region office in Coeur d' Alene. Examples of additional evidence include:

1. Written record of when a home was established on the property (many times from the County Assessor)
2. Affidavits – a signed statement from someone with personal knowledge of when beneficial use was first made, such as a neighbor or a previous owner of the property. Personal knowledge means someone who observed the use, not someone who was told of the use by someone else. The affidavit should include the month and year when the water usage began.
2. Sales receipts for equipment or materials used in the water system
3. Records of the person or business who sold, installed or constructed the diversion works
5. Some other evidence to support when Domestic usage began on the property

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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From: patrick.mervyn@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:07 PM
To: Holmes, Christopher
Subject: Mervyn Farm Water Rights
Attachments: Notice of Claim to a Water Right 87-11793; RE: Notice of Claim to a Water Right 87-11793

Hello Christopher,

I just left you a message. The dates you have are likely more accurate than my guesses. My father passed away in 2014 and there were no records I could refer to. My dates were bases on my best understanding.

Please contact me if you need me to correct my paperwork and resubmit.

Thank you,

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